Exhibit A

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All Addressees Listed in Attachment A.

Re: Class Action Fairness Act – Notice to Federal and State Officials

In re Pork Antitrust Litigation, D. Minn. Case No. 18-1776 (JRT/HB)

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent JBS USA Food Company, JBS USA Food Company Holdings, Swift Pork Company, and related or affiliated entities ("JBS") in the above-referenced matter. On behalf of JBS, this notice is to inform you, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715, of a proposed settlement of the Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs' claims against JBS in the above-referenced matter.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b), JBS states as follows:

- 1) A court-filed copy of Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs' operative Third Amended Complaint in the above-captioned matter is included in the accompanying CD. In addition, prior complaints and all other pleadings and records filed in the above-captioned matter are available through the Pacer service for the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota.¹
- 2) On April 15, 2021, Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Class Action Settlement Between Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs and Defendant JBS ("Motion"). The Motion, and accompanying brief, declaration, all exhibits, the Proposed Order, and the parties' Settlement Agreement are included in the accompanying CD. In addition, the parties entered into a confidential letter agreement specifying JBS's right to a reduction of the Settlement Amount if potential members of the Settlement Class representing more than a specified portion of relevant transactions opt out of the Settlement Class. A copy of the confidential letter agreement is also included in the accompanying CD. JBS

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emphasizes that the confidential letter agreement has been filed under seal with the Court and should be treated as confidential.

- 3) The hearing on the Motion has not yet been scheduled. A final approval hearing also has not yet been scheduled.
- 4) No final judgment or notice of dismissal by Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs has yet been entered in the above-referenced matter.
- 5) The Class Action Fairness Act also requires a defendant, "if feasible" to provide the names of class members who reside in each State and the estimated proportionate share of the claims of such members to the entire settlement," or if that is not feasible, to provide a "reasonable estimate of the number of class members residing in each State and the estimated proportionate share of the claims of such members to the entire settlement." See 28 U.S.C. §1715(b)(7)(A)-(B). For a number of reasons, it is not feasible at this time to provide such information.

First, the potential members of the Settlement Class include "[a]ll entities who indirectly purchased Pork from Defendants or co-conspirators or their respective subsidiaries or affiliates in the United States during the Settlement Class Period for their own business use in commercial food preparation." Given that the potential members of the Settlement Class include indirect purchasers that purchased from entities other than JBS, JBS lacks the information requested.

Second, and relatedly, Co-Lead counsel for the proposed Settlement Class have issued subpoenas to third-parties to obtain identifying information on potential Settlement Class members and that process is still ongoing.

6) No written judicial opinions relating to proposed settlement have been issued as of this date.

If you have questions about this notice, the settlement, or the enclosed materials, or if you do not receive any of the above-listed materials, please contact us. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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